

BA/MS in Biology

BA/MS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 152 credits including all of the requirements for the BA in Biology or one of the Biology specializations.
- All BA/MS students must complete 32 credits of 500+ coursework with minimum GPA average of 3.0. Courses selected with guidance from student's faculty advisor. Up to 8 credits used to fulfill the MS can also fulfill BA requirements.

Choose 1 of the 3 following tracks:

Coursework Track: All courses must be lecture, lab, or seminar courses.

Scholarly Paper Track: At least 28 credits must be lecture, lab, or seminar courses. Up to 4 credits can be Readings in Biology (BI 701/702) or Research (BI 595). In addition to course requirements, the student must complete a scholarly literature-based paper approved by a committee of two Biology faculty.

Research Thesis Track: At least 24 credits must be lecture, lab, or seminar courses. Up to 8 credits can be Research (BI 595). In addition to course requirements, the student must complete a program of research acceptable to their Master's committee that leads to preparation of a research thesis. This thesis must be approved by a committee of two Biology faculty.

MS COURSES

1	5
2	6
3	7*
4	8*

*can overlap with 500+ level courses fulfilling major requirements for the BA.

Boston University College of Arts & Sciences Department of Biology

FIFTH YEAR	FALL	SPRING
	1	1
	2	2
	3	3
	4	4
	SUM1	SUM2

Notes/Comments:

ADDITIONAL BA/MS PROGRAM INFORMATION

- To apply, students must be in good academic standing and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Students can apply after 4 semesters of academic enrollment at BU and must apply by the end of their 6th semester of academic enrollment.
- After being admitted, students can leave the BA/MS program at any point and return to only receiving a BA degree.
- The BA and MS degrees are awarded simultaneously after the completion of both.

For more information on the BA/MS in Biology program, please visit www.bu.edu/biology/bams